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Klyn, Oliver and Gladstone Win OVA Board Seats

■News Staff

Former board member Heidi Klyn was the top vote getter in a field of eight candidates seeking three vacancies on the OVA Board election on April 1. She was closely followed by Matt Oliver and Jerry Gladstone. Five other candidates, including two board incumbents, finished far back in the race that drew 1,916 ballots, one of the largest in recent years, for an OVA board election.



Steve Spillman.

The election had been one of the most visible in recent years with campaign signs all over Oakmont for weeks, a Candidates' Forum and many well-attended candidate meet-

and-greet events.

Klyn, who served two previous terms on the board, garnered 1,221. Oliver polled 1,194, just 27 behind Klyn. Jerry Gladstone was the third successful candidate with 1,129 votes.

A group calling itself Grassroots Oakmont had endorsed the three and posted its own election signage and had campaigned vigorously on social media sites.

The new directors succeed board President Marianne Neufeld, who chose not to run for a second term. Two other incumbents, Iris Harrell and Jeff Neuman, were defeated.

The 1,916 ballots far outpaced recent years of board elections. The member vote approving an increase in dues in part to buy the golf courses was more than 2,600.

The newly seated board postponed election of its president and other officers at its next meeting, April 16. Director Mark Randol said that would allow members to learn more about their new colleagues as they weigh their selections.

The OVA election results are, in order of finishing:

Total Ballots—1,916

Heidi Klyn—1,221

Jeff Neuman—547

Matt Oliver—1,194

Tom Kendrick—491

Jerry Gladstone—1,129

Josh Axelrod—329

Iris Harrell—739

Tom Tremont—144



2024-25 OVA Board (L-R): Mark Randol, Matt Oliver, Heidi Klyn, David Deardon, Jerry Gladstone, and Olga Ydrogo. (Photo by Julie Kiil)



Liz Parsons's Oakmont garden welcomes native pollinators. (Photo by Lesli Lee)

Oakmont Environmental Stewardship Committee

■Carolyn Greene

GARDENS PROMOTING HABITAT TOUR

Whether you're planning a complete spring revamping of your yard, or just considering adding a few plants to enhance your summer outdoor entertaining, you're invited to attend the "Gardens Promoting Habitat Tour" on Sunday, April 21, from 2-4 p.m., sponsored by the Oakmont Environmental Stewardship Committee (OESC).

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Easter Eggstravaganza

A good crowd and sunny skies greeted young and older participants in the annual Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt and other activities sponsored by the Grandparents' Club on Saturday, March 30. Photographer Julie Kiil captured the day's events focused on the Central Complex. Brightly colored eggs dot the lawn.



Annual Meeting Statement—2024

■Marianne Neufeld

This is Marianne Neufeld's final President's Report on the state of Oakmont.

One of my top goals as president was to work closely with our GM, Christel Anton, to support her as she manages our OVA. The OVA board's role is to

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Bright Yellow Emergency Use Form

■Katy Carrel

You will find a copy of a brightly colored yellow form, "Personal Medical Information Form for Emergency First Responders" included in the April 13 issue of the *Oakmont News*. In the event of calling 9-1-1 for emergency medical assistance, this yellow form can help provide emergency medical responders with vital information to assist them in their evaluation, both upon arrival to your home and enroute to the hospital. Please fill it out and keep it in a convenient place. It can be incredibly useful in a stressful situation.

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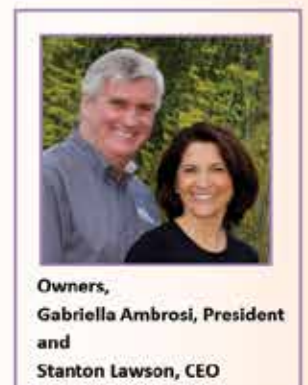


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OVA Welcomes New Staff

■Crissi Langwell, OVA Communications Director

If you visit the OVA admin office, you may notice a few new faces among the friendly staff. Over the past few months, the OVA has welcomed a new Administrative Specialist, Operations Manager and Information Technology (IT) Coordinator to the team.

Dana Walters joined the OVA staff last year in November as the new Administrative Specialist. She comes to the OVA with a background that includes several roles in business management and healthcare. Her responsibilities now include supporting the admin staff as needed, assisting with special projects and initiatives and helping to organize and maintain files and records. Outside of work, Dana values her quality time with family and friends, and she is a highly creative person. Some hobbies that bring her joy include gardening and crafting jewelry.



Joining the OVA staff in February of this year, Todd O'Donnell is the association's new Operations Manager. His last position was Chief Engineer for commercial office buildings in Marin County. In his new role, Todd oversees day-to-day maintenance, ensures compliance, and works on minor and capital projects. He also collaborates with the various clubs and organizations



of Oakmont and assists Christel Antone, general manager. Todd comes to OVA from Glen Ellen where he lives with his wife of 28 years, Megan. Together they have two adult children, Emma, 24, and Kyle, 21. Todd is a veteran of the US Air Force, served 10 years as a firefighter/engineer for Glen Ellen and is a die-hard Cowboys fan.



Trace Hernandez, also hired in February, is the OVA's new IT Coordinator. His past experience includes similar positions as an IT Analyst and Technical Consultant. Now he oversees OVA's technology needs, works with vendors, maintains the technology at the facilities and helps keep the website up to date. A Chicago native, Trace moved to San Francisco before settling in Santa Rosa and is passionate about golf and guitar.

The OVA staff are enthusiastic about welcoming Dana, Todd and Trace to the team and are excited about what these three will bring to the Oakmont community.



Dave Watts & Katy Carrel, 2024 recipients of the Volunteer of the Year and Susan Millar Service awards. (Photo by Julie Kiil)

Volunteers Honored by OVA

■News Staff

Oakmont, where life relies on volunteer power, has honored two of its people for important volunteer work in the past year. Katy Carrel and Dave Watts were cited by the OVA and also received the Susan Millar service award during the OVA annual meeting on April 1, announced by President Marianne Neufeld.

Watts, who has lived in Oakmont for three years, was cited for leadership on the Firewise Committee promoting fire safety, including annual Firewise fairs.

Carrel, who has lived in Oakmont for 13 years, proposed and heads the OVA New Residents Committee and heads Meet Your Neighbors, leading the community's emergency preparedness efforts.

Carrel and Watts also shared the Susan Millar achievement award, which carries a \$1,000 grant from the Oakmont Community Foundation, to be passed along to a community organization of their choice.

Carrying out the volunteering theme, outgoing OVA President Neufeld told the meeting she has volunteered most of the 18 years she has lived in Oakmont. "Volunteers help our community through social interaction with our neighbors and are rewarded in many ways for their participation," she said.

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User Groups Move Through First Phase of Work

■Marlena Cannon Tremont

Five User Groups presented their initial findings at a Workshop April 2 at the Berger Center. Christel Antone, general manager, and project lead with ArchiLOGIX, explained that the work of the User Groups is in progress and encouraged Oakmont residents to stay informed about the activities of the user groups by visiting the Central Complex Area section of the OVA Website Home page, oakmontvillage.com/central-complex-area-design.

Joy Bellomo and Jess Marzak presented the findings of the Fitness User Group that included details on conversations held with all of the sports groups currently using the Central Complex as well as yoga, billiards, tennis, pickleball and the strength and balance class. Fitness activities requesting additional space include the fitness center, billiards and pickleball. Specific recommendations for the CAC cabana area were made that included increasing the usability of the area by adding retractable doors, adding a gate to access a picnic area on the east side of the pool and installing sunshades.

Carol Pence and Rhonda Greer presented the Indoor Gatherings User Group findings from interviews with large and small clubs that use both the Berger and the CAC. Recommendations ranged from increasing the storage space for clubs to specific needs for technology improvements in the buildings in the Central Complex. Parking spaces for golf carts was suggested as were racks for regular, electric and three-wheeler bikes. A sub-group has focused on what attributes are important for having a coffee shop in the Central area.

Marilyn Pahr and Tudy Calegari presented the Arts and Education Group summarizing their conversations with the Technology Center, library and crafts and card clubs. They recommended an all-purpose Makers Space that would provide furniture, equipment and storage specifically for crafters and artists. For the library, an enhanced meeting room was proposed as a relaxed place for book clubs, speakers and display cases. Other ideas included an AV room for producing videos, a memory lab to create oral histories, a ceramics room and a woodworking space.

Carol Toth presented the Outdoor User Group findings explaining that her team sought to identify projects that will fit the unused spaces in the CAC parcel with the goal of modernizing the current look and feel and incorporating eco-friendly, firewise and drought tolerate landscaping options. Their key recommendations included an outdoor event plaza, enhanced and expanded patio spaces, a small landscape park and a walking trail loop around the Complex.

The Administration User Group presented their findings and suggested an OVA office space that would include a reception area, additional meeting rooms, file storage, a community bulletin board, quiet zones and a community information center.

In addition to the five user groups, a Walk Audit was conducted on April 11 to generate ideas to increase the safety, walkability, accessibility and appearance of the Central Complex. Information on self-conducted audits, which can be done through April 19, is available on the OVA website.

The PowerPoint is also online at oakmontvillage.com/central-complex-area-design. On April 15, individual User Groups will begin a series of intensive meetings with ArchiLOGIX.

As information becomes available, the website will be updated. Articles will appear regularly in the General Manager's Report, *Oakmont News* and *Inside Oakmont*. For inquiries, email AskOVA@oakmontvillage.com.

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In honor of Earth Day on April 22, the tour features four Oakmont gardens chosen because they showcase community-wide landscaping objectives of being firewise, drought-tolerant, attractive and habitat-enhancing for native wildlife, with an emphasis on use of local native plant species and cultivars. Music and refreshments will enhance the festivities, and free plants, wildflower seeds and Water Smart card decks from Sonoma Water Agency will be available, while supplies last.

According to OESC Chair Lesli Lee, each garden exhibits creative and attractive ways to balance habitat needs and landscape aesthetics with the practical realities of being firewise and drought tolerant.

"Each garden is unique, blending native and complementary plants that offer vital wildlife habitat qualities of food, water, cover and shelter for raising young," Lee said. "It's inspiring to see what can be accomplished in our community. Plus, this is an ideal time of year to see local flora in full bloom, along with a variety of pollinators."

Residents may stop by the gardens any time between 2-4 p.m.; addresses are 6518 Stone Bridge Road, 6524 Stonecroft Terrace, 6421 Meadow Creek Lane, and 6309 Meadowridge Drive. Please wear stable walking shoes and leave pets at home.

For further information, contact me at cgnpark@icloud.com or (805) 443-7289.

■Karen Cotter

HOME EFFICIENCY AND ELECTRIFICATION WORKSHOP

Save the date: On Thursday May 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Berger, the Oakmont Environmental Stewardship Committee will host a workshop on home electrification and efficiency. Speakers from the Sonoma Advanced Energy Center and Ongaro and Sons will guide us through the many new energy-saving appliances available to homeowners.

You will hear information on financing and rebates, and you'll get a chance to hear from Oakmont residents who have done many of these upgrades.

Oakmont Neighbors Together

■Susan Chauncy

Oakmont Neighbors Together has been providing residents of our community with emergency grants, since 2019. Through its partnership with Council on Aging, grants are issued directly by CoA, which ensures that the privacy of recipients will be respected.

If you, or someone you may know could use a bit of a financial lift in order to address HOA dues, a medical or dental bill, a utility bill or other emergency need, please stop by the OVA office and pick up a simple application, or contact Jaime Escoubas at Council on Aging, at (707) 525-0143. If you have a general question, please feel free to email Susan Chauncy at susandchauncy@icloud.com.

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When this form accompanies the patient to the hospital, it can help serve as a valuable resource for equipping emergency center personnel with crucial details. The captains at Fire Station 7 in Oakmont are supportive of this effort and want to remind everyone to update the medication list as frequently as needed. Current medications are one of the most important things you can provide first responders.

To help lessen the stress associated with a medical emergency, complete a form for each household member and place it in a highly visible location, such as the refrigerator door or near the front entrance. Remember to create extra copies in preparation for any unforeseen circumstances and to include in a go-bag.

MYN neighborhood leaders are asked to check in with neighbors, especially those at higher risk because perhaps they are frail, bedridden or don't see well. Please help your neighbors fill out this form.

Additional forms are available on the informational shelf at the OVA administrative office. Extra forms can also be downloaded as a PDF online at <https://oakmontvillage.com/article/myn-support-documents/>. If you print it at home, remember that first responders will be looking for a bright yellow color.

This document was prepared by Meet Your Neighbors (MYN) and the Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Committee (OEPC).



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Walking Hours at Valley of the Moon Golf Course

■News Staff

If you have interest in walking the golf course pathways, please be mindful of the walking schedule. Walking hours are reserved from daybreak to 7 a.m., which is before golf play begins. Additionally, there is an afternoon walking schedule on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 45 minutes before sunset.

Schedules are subject to change. Please visit playvom.com for current schedule, or contact the golf course at (707) 539-0415.

During walking hours, dogs are also allowed on the courses, but must be on leash at all times. Please remember to pick up after your dogs.

Bicycle riding is not permitted on the courses at any time.

Vaccine Clinic on April 30

■News Staff

OVA is once again hosting a Vaccine Clinic Day on Tuesday, April 30 at the Berger Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This vaccine clinic is offering the XBB COVID Vaccine, RSV (ages 60+), and Pneumonia (Pneumovax 23).

The CDC has recommended people 65 and older should receive an additional dose of any updated (2023–2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech) at least 4 months following the previous dose of an updated (2023–2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine.

This means that those (65+) who received their last Covid vaccine in 2023 are now recommended to receive another dose. If you attended the Covid vaccine clinic in January of this year, you do not fall under this recommendation.

You can make an appointment at www.safeway.com/vaccinations/group-clinic/OVSR.

Please bring your medical and prescription card to the clinic at the time of your appointment plus the printed version of the consent form you receive at the time of booking your appointment. There will also be consent forms at the clinic, or you can pick one up from the OVA office. If you are not insured, please prepay with the Safeway pharmacy by calling (707) 766-9477. Safeway is unable to bill Kaiser members.

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rely on our GM to lead and run the OVA operation with our oversight but not “hands-on” directives. I held regular meetings where key activities were reviewed with Christel and our vice president, Olga, so we could respond effectively to support our OVA goals.

Working closely with Christel, confirms that we have the best GM we could possibly have—and, in my opinion, the best we’ve had during the 18 years I’ve lived in Oakmont.

Christel brings a wealth of business experience and accountability. She is committed to maintaining open communication and transparency and understands our community.

In 2023, our insurance company canceled our coverage due to fires from 2017 through 2020, which hit us hard. The available insurance for 2023 had a very high premium and required a portion of self-insured coverage. We are very pleased that for 2024 we obtained full coverage for a lower premium than expected.

I’m happy to report the golf course is doing well, continuing to make upgrades to the course as agreed, despite having to remove many trees damaged in the last storm. The restaurant’s feedback is more positive about the dining experience and the many special events are popular with most totally booked.

This board recognized the community concern and focused on community safety education. The board voted to enter a contract with KLD to do a traffic evacuation study for Oakmont, which gave us valuable insight into evacuation route potential and estimated evacuation times. We also passed a resolution to engage an evacuation specialist to put together an evacuation plan for Oakmont, and that agreement will be finalized soon.

On the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee, the board voted to approve hiring a community planner to look at the findings of the 2030 process, engage the residents, and prepare 3 concept drawings for the central activity complex (CAC) to present to the community. In preparation for this, the board approved a parking study of the CAC area usage.

We collaborated closely with Burbank Housing to secure an additional Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) route through the South East Santa Rosa project (formerly Elnoka) property. When completed, the EVA will be controlled by the city and could provide local residents and the greater community with an additional way in and out during emergencies. We are happy with this outcome and grateful for the support.

I am proud to say Oakmont Village Association is in excellent financial condition. The main reason is that Elke, our Treasurer for the past 8 years, has worked to get our reserves and budget in good standing, and Christel keeps a watchful eye on the details of our budget and expenditures. Our strong financial standing allowed us to consider the recommendation of our Treasurer and vote to make an early payment of \$300,000 towards our loan principal. This will help pay the loan off sooner and save on interest.

It has been my pleasure to serve as President this past year and I look forward to serving our community in other capacities.

Change to OVA Admin Office Hours, Starting June 2

■Christel Antone, OVA General Manager

We are excited to announce a trial update to our admin office hours, starting June 2. The adjustment involves the admin office being closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. We’re confident that these changes will greatly benefit our community members. Our commitment to providing exceptional service to every resident remains unwavering. By refining our office hours, we can allocate resources more efficiently, ensuring a sufficient number of staff members are available to offer prompt and efficient assistance to meet residents’ needs.

It’s important to note that this change only affects the admin office hours and not those of the architectural or maintenance offices, which remain the same. We’re dedicated to continuously improving our services and enhancing the overall experience for our members.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the new office hours, please don’t hesitate to contact us at askova@oakmontvillage.com.

Current office hours:

- Admin office: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Architectural Office: Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; Friday—closed
- Maintenance Office: Saturday through Friday, 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

New office hours starting June 2:

- Admin office: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–5 p.m. (closed from 12 p.m.–1 p.m.)
- Architectural Office: Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; Friday—closed
- Maintenance Office: Saturday through Friday, 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Please note that holidays may impact these hours.

Walk Audit—Do Your Own

■News Staff

For residents who were not able to go on the April 11 Walk Audit, a self-conducted audit is available by picking up the questionnaire in the OVA office or downloading it (more information on accessing questionnaire to follow). The deadline for returning self-conducted Walk Audit questionnaires to the office is Friday, April 19 at 5 p.m.

As a part of the Central Area Complex design concepts, Oakmont residents were invited to participate in a Walk Audit of the Central Complex Area that was held on Thursday, April 11. The Audit is intended to generate ideas for helping to bring a cohesive character to the interplay between outdoor space and activity buildings.

April 11 and self-conducted participants can choose one of four different routes in and around the Complex. A questionnaire filled out by participants looks at the safety, accessibility and walkability of the route as well as the aesthetics, lighting and landscaping. The Walk Audit does not include Oakmont streets that are under City jurisdiction.

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OAK at the VOM Golf Club

■Hilary Gruendle

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Taco Tuesday: April 16, 23, 30. \$3 Beef Taco when you purchase a beverage—no other discounts apply.

Thirsty Thursday: April 18 and 25. \$3 Draft Coors Light—no other discounts apply.

Live Music in April, 5-7 p.m.: Reservations required and an \$8 cover charge

April 15—Magic Band

April 22—Hwy 12 Band

April 29—Second Street Band

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Pickleball Corner

■Jim Howard

NEW RULES FOR 2024

USA Pickleball is the national governing body of American pickleball that formulates and interprets all the rules of the sport. This body published the first official rulebook in March of 1984. There were 92 proposed rule changes for 2024. Out of those, 27 were accepted and placed in the rule handbook. Many were minor changes and several were just slight word changes. Most were for tournament play.

Noteworthy for recreation play are Rules 7.L and 11.A.. Rule 7.L is the carry rule, with any carry now being a fault even if accidental. 11.A is the double hit rule, stating double hits are allowed as long as it happens in one continuous motion. A reminder we are playing recreation play not tournament play, in many cases, you can do a replay (except line calls- they stand).

One other rule I thought would be good to remember even though it doesn't happen that often, is rule 11.E, the cracked ball rule. If all the players agree that a cracked ball affected the outcome of a rally, a replay should occur.

I have received a hard copy of the 2024 Official Rule Book, for you to view. I will have it available at the courts.

Enough on rules—here is a paddle update. We have received the new OWL quiet paddle for our members to try. This is the elongated power model. It has vibration dampening construction for arm and elbow comfort. This paddle gives control, spin, and power. It is available to check out. Have a great 2024. See you on the Courts!

New Player Orientation: 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Arrangements can be made by contacting Victoria Dettman at (707) 230-2958. Call Jim Howard at (209) 761-8517 for demo loaner. For mentoring, contact Barbara Ricossa at ricossa@gmail.com.



Cartoon by Peter Copen.

Café Mortel

■Linda Suhr



NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

If you had a medical emergency and were incapacitated, would those around you know your wishes for treatment—what you would want and, perhaps more importantly, what you would not want? Now is a good time to review your Advance Health Care Directives and think about whether a POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) is right for you. These important documents state your wishes for medical care and name the person who will make medical decisions for you if you are unable to speak for yourself.

Benjamin Franklin told us that nothing is certain except death and taxes. We all know that April 15 is Tax Day, but did you know that the following day, April 16, is National Healthcare Decisions Day? In recognition of this day, members of Sonoma County End of Life Doula Alliance will be available at Oakmont Gardens in the Fountain Courtyard (or Bistro, if raining) on Tuesday, April 16 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. with information, resources and sample templates for Advance Health Care Directives. Drop in anytime with your questions about Advance Health Care Directives.



Oakmont Democratic Club



■Thomas Amato

HOW WILL THE 2024 ELECTIONS IMPACT CLIMATE CHANGE?

At the 7p.m. on Thursday, April 25 General Meeting of the Oakmont Democratic Alliance, hosted by the Oakmont Democratic Club, we will examine the very different climate agendas being proposed by former President Trump and the GOP and President Biden and the Democratic Party. Angela Nardo-Morgan of the Marine Conservation Institute will lead a discussion of what is at stake in the election.

Former President Trump has proposed greatly expanding the development and use of fossil fuels (see *Trump for President 2024* website). During his Presidency, Biden has gained approval of major investments in “green energy.” Democrats hope if they secure both the Senate and House in 2024 to accelerate reduction in fossil fuel use.

Angela Nardo-Moran studied at San Francisco State University, Sonoma State University, and U.C. Berkeley and has a graduate degree in Restoration and Historical Ecology. Angela was a faculty member in the Environmental Studies Department at Sonoma State University and College of Marin. She is the first woman in Sonoma County to receive the Switzer Environmental Fellowship and went on to become the recipient of a Switzer leadership grant to establish the first watershed station in the Sonoma Valley protecting and restoring local streams and watersheds. She has worked for various organizations including Greenpeace, American Friends Service Committee, Marine Mammal Center, Russian Riverkeeper and Audubon Canyon Ranch.

We will also discuss next steps in the implementation of the Oakmont Democratic Alliance Action Plan presented earlier in the month.

The 7 p.m. hybrid meeting at the East Rec Center will be preceded by a social at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to bring your favorite beverage or snacks to share. All Oakmonters are welcome.

For more information see our website: OakmontDemocraticAlliance.org.



Angela Nardo-Morgan from Marine Conservation Institute.

Wii Bowling Oakmont Lanes



■Terry Leuthner

Oakmont Lanes Bowling Club is a Bowling League consisting of four-person teams that utilize Nintendo Wii to simulate the experience of bowling without the weight of a bowling ball. Any resident who has the ability of holding a small remote control in their hand while swinging their arm as if they were rolling a bowling ball will be able to join.

Anyone interested in joining our club, either as a team bowler or substitute, please call me at (707) 291-3023 or stop by the East Recreation Center on Tuesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. (no bowling fourth Tuesdays) to see us in action. We charge \$25 for a 10-week tournament that includes the play-offs. The 2 p.m. League has 10 teams, 4 bowlers per team. Each bowler bowls 3 games and has his/her own handicap (80%) and average. Bowler and team results are recorded each week.

See www.oakmontlanes.com for club information, bowling dates, week results and team schedules to bring cookies and help set up at 1:45 p.m. and tear down equipment at 3:30 p.m.

Remaining bowling date for April: Apr. 30 (Playoff Tournament—top 6 teams). No bowling Apr. 16 (no set-up) and 23 (fourth Tuesday).

RESULTS AS OF MARCH 19 (WEEK #8 WINTER LEAGUE)

2 p.m. League: first place, Wii Four; second place, Phantom Strikers; third place tie, Alley Oops, Pocket Hits, High Rollers and Pin Pushers; seventh place tie, Strikers and Strike Outs; ninth place, 4 Tops; tenth place, King Pins.

Men's High Games: Don Shelhart, 290; Glenn Hewitt, 237; Terry Leuthner, 235; Scott Harris, 233; Alex Vyan, 222; Mike Apicella, 201; Rich Laden, 200; Larry Souza, 200.

Women's High Games: Diane Price, 268; Vickie Jackanich, 258; Robin Schudel, 255; Valerie Hulsey, 248; Sandy Osheroff, 248; Karen Palmiotti, 243; Joanne Abrams, 242; Rhonda D'Agostini, 225; Beverly Shelhart, 222; Euroasia Delgado, 214; Nicole Reed, 204; Donnarose Ilecki, 203; Lynda Rebsamen, 202; Felicia Laden, 200.

Travel and Adventure Club

■September Holstad

CALLING ALL RAILROAD, RIVER CRUISE AND CULINARY TOUR FANS

On April 24, join us at 3 p.m. in the upper West Rec. Center for a presentation on a variety of tours slated for 2025. Jacqueline Davidson from Mayflower Cruises and Tours will be our guest, outlining four trips with special pricing for Travel and Adventure Club members.

The first will be a Tulip Time River Cruise for April of 2025, taking in all the wonders of spring.

Join our New England Culinary tour just in time for lobster in June of 2025.

The Colorado Historical Train trip is a wonderful 9-day mixture of the six historical trains that run through Colorado. This is sure to be full of fun and with beautiful sightseeing along the way. This trip will take place in September of 2025.

The New England Rails and Sails will take place in October of 2025 and will take in the fall colors of New England.

The Travel and Adventure Club is open to all Oakmont residents and meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. at the West Rec. Center.



Oakmont Cannabis Club



■Heidi Klyn

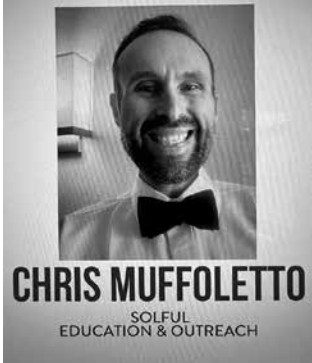
We are starting our education programs again.

WHEN: Monday, May 6 **TIME:** 2 p.m.

WHERE: East Rec. Center

Come to hear Chris Muffoletto from Solful to teach us about the Endocannabinoid System, and what it can do for sleep, pain, inflammation, joint pain, eye muscles, stress, appetite stimulation.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Tennis Club



■Jack Breibart

IF AT FIRST, YOU DON'T SUCCEED... TRY AGAIN

The weather gods have not been kind to the Tennis Club. All was set for the Sweetheart Tournament on Valentine's Day, and then the rains came. Tournament called off.

The Board shook it off and worked on the March Madness Mixed Doubles, setting it up for March 23. Somewhere around March 19 or 20 the Board looked down the road at the weather report and decided not to wait, making an early decision to call the tournament off. It was the right one.

So, here it is April. And the club will try again, hoping for no April showers. This time the date is April 27. Place will be the West Courts. The format will be Mixed Double again. Prizes will be awarded.

Light sandwiches and chips will be provided by the club. Bring any wet stuff you want to bring to wash down the food. If you wish to play, contact Judy Passaglia at judypassaglia518@gmail.com. This will be doubles, so try to find a partner.

Meanwhile you don't have to wait for the tournament to get your tennis swings. A reminder that there is regular action at the East Courts every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Your contact here is Peter Hogan at pwhogan@sbcglobal.net. Fridays you can almost always find play around 9 a.m. at the West Courts. Sundays are more formal at the West Courts. Contact Neil Linneball at dlinneball@hotmail.com to get on the Sunday list for team matches.

And if you want to join the Tennis Club, go to the Oakmont Village administrative offices and ask for the club folder, fill out a short registration form, and leave \$20 in check or hard cash.

Silver Guys of Oakmont



■D. Hall

POTLUCK SOCIAL FOR SPRING

Silver Guys of Oakmont and their invited guests will convene for a spring potluck social on Sunday, April 14 in the West Recreational Center Upstairs. As usual, attendees are invited to bring a food item and beverage to share.

Silver Guys of Oakmont provides an opportunity for Oakmont gay men and their friends to enjoy non-political social, educational, and community service activities. All men in Oakmont are invited to join.

Constitution Club



■Jane Gyorgy

SECESSION AND CIVIL WAR

On February 27, we viewed Kevin Portteus' Lecture #6 in the series titled "Slavery and the Roots of the Secession Crisis."

Suggested readings were: Alexander Hamilton to John Jay, March 14, 1779; Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia, Query XVIII, 1794; The Northwest Ordinance, 1787; John Jay to the English Anti-Slavery Society, June 21, 1788; John C Calhoun, "Speech on Reception on Abolition Petitions," 1837; John C Calhoun, "Speech on the Oregon Bill," 1848.

At our April 23, 4 p.m. gathering at the Berger Center, we will view Kevin Portteus' Lecture #7 in the series titled "Secession and Civil War."

Suggested readings are: Abraham Lincoln, "Address at Cooper Institute," 1860; South Carolina Secession Declaration, 1860; Three Abraham Lincoln writings, "Message to Congress in Special Session," 1861; "Gettysburg Address," 1863; "Second Inaugural Address," 1865.

Suggested discussion questions are, "What was the primary effect of slavery on Southern society, according to Douglass & Lincoln?" "Why was secession illegal and unconstitutional according to Lincoln?" "Who do 'the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God' prohibit slavery?"

Time permitting, a discussion of current events will follow.

For members, the complete study guide for the upcoming gathering will be attached to the invitation you will receive shortly. If you still need to become a member, please email TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com. You will receive the invitation to attend the meeting with the study guide attached.

Please use the RSVP button on the invitation to accept it for yourself and your guest(s) or express your regrets. We do need to know how many tables and chairs to provide. You are welcome to bring food and beverages; alcohol is permitted.

If you want to discontinue your membership, please email the above address.

Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■John Brodey

TO SERVE MAN

"To Serve Man" is the name of my favorite "Twilight Zone" episode. A highly advanced alien species lands on earth and proceeds to impress our leaders with how willing they are to help humanity thrive. They even displayed a book they brought called *To Serve Man*, but the contents of the book are in their language. After a few months, a linguist finally translates the book and Eureka!, it's a cookbook filled with tasty recipes for eating people.

Wanting to help our fellow man is a tricky concept here on earth. We all know well-meaning people who try to help, fix or solve our problems ("Here's what you need to do")—it's human nature. It makes the helper feel good, but it assumes that this person wants our advice to begin with.

What we need to do is see it from a different perspective, call it service. When we are in service, we are truly dedicated to addressing the needs of others. Remembering our commitments and honoring our agreements leads to conscious action.

"Service Above Self" is the Rotary motto and it captures the essence of what serving others is all about. The projects and organizations we support are long standing relationships, and while it does feel good to see the positive impacts our efforts make, that's not why we do it. Most new members of the club mention that they felt a need to focus on giving their time and energy to greater purposes. Whether it is funding a program to provide sewing machines to women in a small Guatemalan village so they can better sustain themselves or working with youth programs right here, we take service seriously.

See for yourself. Stop by for our 7:30 a.m. breakfast any Tuesday morning at the East Rec. Center.

Oakmont Garden Club



■Patty McHugh

ONE MAN'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH BEGONIAS

"And some can pot begonias, and some can bud a rose, and some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows..."—Rudyard Kipling

WHEN: Wednesday May 8, 9:30 a.m. social, 10–11:15 a.m. meeting

WHERE: East Rec. Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive

TOPIC/SPEAKER: *My 25-year Love Affair with Begonias*, presented by Neal Wooley

Explore the world of Begonias, one of the largest genera in the plant kingdom, with over 2000 species. Neal Wooley will provide an overview of some of the various species and where they are found in nature. Learn more about the hobby, where to purchase Begonias and how to grow and propagate them. With Neal we'll explore available resources to help you to expand your knowledge about Begonias and he will display some of his more unusual plants.

Neal Wooley is new to Oakmont Garden Club. He is a native Californian and spent his early years living in the Santa Clara Valley where his family raised apricots. They ate from their kitchen garden and canned vegetables for the winter months. It's hard to believe how things have changed. Try to find an orchard there now!

Neal spent 32 years in education in the US and Brazil. He taught a variety of subjects including English as a Second Language, Mathematics, and US History. His last six years were spent teaching Wood Shop. He helped construct a community garden at his school for the science and foods programs.

He enjoys gardening, traveling, hiking, cooking and woodworking. He has been a beekeeper for 55 years.

Reminder: This will be the last general meeting before our summer hiatus, returning in September with another fabulous program.

Current Events Discussion Group



■Tina Lewis

Every Friday from 1–2:30 p.m. Current Events meets at the East Rec. Zoom is available for those who can't attend in person.

There's a lot to talk about, from Oakmont to Santa Rosa to California to national to international. A social gathering (Happy Hour) following the meeting has become very popular. Recently, OAK right here in Oakmont has been a favorite destination.

If you are not on the Zoom mailing list and wish to be, or if you have questions, email tinalewis31@comcast.net or call (707) 758-9739.

Star of the Valley Men's Club

■Peter Hardy

CALAMARI DINNER

Star of the Valley Men's Club will host a Calamari Dinner on Saturday, May 11. A no-host cash bar will be open beginning at 5 p.m. along with appetizers. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Calamari Steaks will be the featured entree, however those who wish a 1/2 roasted chicken may order that instead of calamari. Dinner will include a salad, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert. Cost of the dinner is \$25.

For reservations, please call me at (707) 480-5094. If unavailable, please leave the following information on my voicemail. 1) Full Name, 2) Number Attending, 3) Specify Number of Calamari and Chicken per reservation. Final day for reservations: Tuesday, May 7.

All are welcome!

Food Booth with Dim Sum Coming May 11

■Heidi Klyn

Yummy meals! Food booth with Dim Sum Chinese delicacies will be at the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration.

WHEN: Saturday, May 11

WHERE: East Rec.

Center parking

TIME: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

PAYMENT: Cash or credit cards



Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



■Beverly Singer

SPRING PLANNING

Spring has sprung in all its glory. Oakmont is lovely with the ever-changing beauty of flowers and the singing of many kinds of birds. Kiwanians are energized and planning the next fundraiser—the Carnitas and Margaritas dinner on Saturday, August 3. You can put that date on your calendar now, but you can't buy tickets. They are not printed yet. I will let you know when they are ready to purchase.

Fundraisers are important for service clubs. Kiwanis uses your money to help children in need for many reasons and for college scholarships. Kiwanis is a children-oriented club. The recent speaker for the Kiwanis Club was Leslie Brockman from the Oakmont Grandparents' Club. That club had a big Easter egg hunt on March 30 at the Berger Center grounds. Over 2,000 plastic eggs were hidden. The Grandparents' Club will have many activities for grandchildren to enjoy during the July Grandparents' week. Also for children, at that time, the Central swimming pool will have longer hours and there will be golf lessons and tournaments.

The Kiwanis Club is happy to donate financial



Leslie Brockman from Grandparents' Club and President Ann Isaacs.

support to the Grandparents' Club.

Kiwanians invite you to join us in supporting children here and around the world. The more members we have the more the club can do for children. If you feel you can't join because you can't make the 8 a.m. Thursday breakfast and 8:30 meeting at the Berger Center, many members want to support the club and can come to the fundraisers.

For information call President Ann Isaacs, (916) 261-7270 or annisaacs1@att.net.

New Horizons Band Performing Free Concert

■News Staff



Mark your calendar for April 13 when the New Horizons Band returns to Oakmont for a free concert. Performing at the Berger Center at 2 p.m., the band of seniors is known for its eclectic programming and musical nod to well-known favorite tunes.

This year's program includes music from the *Pirates of the Caribbean*, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," Leonard Bernstein's "Danzon", the "Mandalorian" from *Star Wars*, plus J.S. Bach and *Chicago's* greatest hits, Lasso Trombone, Elgar's *Nimrod*, El Choclo tango, and contemporary reflective pieces.

A special treat will be soloist Sharon Griffith and Oakmont's John Z. Ray singing Gershwin's "They Can't Take That Away from Me."

Always a popular event, be sure to grab your seat before the 2 p.m. start time on April 13 for an afternoon of free, live music.

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Bocce Club



■Gale Schlee

■Maureen McGettigan

NEXT TOURNAMENT ON APRIL 13

On March 16, the Bocce Ball Club held their annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament. It was a good turnout and people wore their green outfits in honor of St. Patrick. A fun time was had by all. The winners of the tournament are in the photos below.

The next bocce ball tournament will be the Tax Time Tournament on April 13 at 1 p.m. at the West Rec. courts.



Winners of the St. Patrick's Day Tournament.
(Photo by Maureen McGettigan)



Sister District of Oakmont

■Howard Sidorsky

MONDAY, APRIL 22: ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR A NEW CLUB

Local members of the national club of Sister District are organizing a supporting club in Oakmont. Sister District is a political organization in the United States that focuses on strategic electoral district pairing. The organization supports Democratic candidates in state legislative races by connecting volunteers and resources from politically safe or progressive districts with those in more competitive or challenging districts. We will help Democrats win key state legislative seats, particularly in areas where the outcome can have a significant impact on redistricting and policy decisions.

We are planning a Murder Mystery Fundraiser party, postcard writing sessions, phone banking, and other activities to support the out of state candidates assigned by Sister District. Our goal is to raise money for these candidates and to have fun doing it.

The second organizational meeting will take place April 22 starting at 5:30 p.m. in Oakmont. The meeting will take place in the Central Activities Center, Room B. Wine and appetizers will be available.

If you want to be part of this exciting new club, we look forward to seeing you on April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Activities Center, room B, 310 White Oak Dr.

For more information contact me at howard@sidorsky.com or (510) 501-8750.

Movies At Oakmont



WHERE: Berger Center

SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays

HOSTS: Mike McInnis, Deborah Davidson, Jeff Neuman, Ylysa Snyder and Barbara Marquardt.

NOTE: All films are shown with English subtitles, when possible, free of charge—compliments of OVA.

APRIL 14 AT 2 PM AMERICAN FICTION

A novelist who is fed up with the establishment profiting from Black entertainment uses a pen name to write a book that propels him into the heart of the hypocrisy and madness he claims to disdain. 2023, R, 1:57.



APRIL 21 AT 2 PM POOR THINGS

A woman is brought back to life, eager to learn. She runs off with a slick and debauched lawyer on a whirlwind adventure. Free from the prejudices of her times, she grows to stand for equality and liberation. 2023, R, 2:21.



APRIL 28 AT 2 PM SOCIETY OF THE SNOW

The flight of a rugby team crashes on a glacier in the Andes. The few passengers who survive the crash find themselves in one of the world's toughest environments to survive. 2023, R, 1:57.



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Canine Club



■Jean Nattkemper

IT'S PICNIC TIME, LET'S PARTY

Leave the drabness of winter behind to enjoy the outdoors, good food, and good company at the Canine Club's Annual Spring Picnic. Scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the West Rec. Picnic Area or, in case of rain, at the West Rec. Center, this event is open to members current on 2024 dues. No dogs.



The main entrée, supplied by Oakmont Market, offers the choice of a hamburger, a garden patty or a hot dog. Bottled water and sodas will be available. You may also bring drinks.

For the potluck portion (appetizers, salads and desserts) please bring the following: last name ending in A-H, a salad; I-O, an appetizer; P-Z, a dessert.

RSVP to periolinger@yahoo.com by indicating your choice of hamburger, garden patty or hot dog, quantity, and number of people. Deadline for responding is April 21, and confirmation arrives via e-mail.

MEET, WALK, SOCIALIZE

Linda's Yappy Hour Dog Walk—Monday, April 15, 10 a.m.: Meet at East Rec. parking lot. Rain cancels.

PJ's Yappy Hour Dog Walk—Friday, April 26, 10 a.m.: Meet at West Rec. Picnic Area. Rain cancels.

RESCUE DOGS ROMP AT PARK

The dog park is reserved for rescue dogs of all sizes and breeds from 10 a.m. to noon on April 20. Rain cancels.

EVENT OUTSIDE OAKMONT

Join dog lovers at the 8th Annual NY Dog Film Festival—two hours of short films celebrating dogs. The festival premieres in New York City, then travels to theaters across the U.S. and Canada. A portion of every ticket benefits a local shelter, and HSSC (Humane Society of Sonoma County) will receive 10 percent of the proceeds.

Rialto Cinemas, in Sebastopol, hosts the event on Sunday, April 14, at 1 p.m. Purchase tickets at <https://rialtocinemas.com/coming-soon>.

Oakmont Sunday Symposium

Berger Center, 7902 Oakmont Dr.
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon / \$3 donation
www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org



■Harriet Palk

Coffee, tea and snacks are available for sale in Berger from 9:45–10:15 a.m. before the presentation begins.

APRIL 14: EDWIN BERNBAUM, PHD THE POWER AND MYSTERY OF MOUNTAINS

As the highest and most dramatic features of the landscape, mountains embody humanity's highest and deepest values and aspirations.



Edwin Bernbaum, author of the award-winning *Sacred Mountains of the Word*, will take us on a riveting and impactful photographic journey exploring the power and mystery of mountains around the world.

APRIL 21: MARY MCDEVITT, MD WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PRIVATE INVESTORS IN HEALTHCARE?

In 2011, private investment firms invested about \$30 billion (yes, BILLION) dollars in the healthcare industry; but by 2021, they were investing \$200 billion dollars. Is it because they are committed to

making America's healthcare the best in the world? Or could the 18% to 27% return on their investment have something to do with it? And how are they making those huge returns? More importantly, what does that mean for our personal experience with our healthcare system? Mary McDevitt will answer those questions.



APRIL 28: DENISE CADMAN SAFARI WEST WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

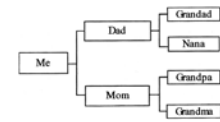


Did you know you don't have to go to Africa to go on an exciting safari? Safari West is right here in Santa Rosa, filled with giraffes, zebras, rhinoceros, monkeys and cheetahs to mention just a few of the 1,000 amazing animals nurtured and showcased.

That's not all it does. At the "Sonoma Serengeti" there is also a belief in conservation, education and perpetuating endangered species. Animal lovers—this one's for you!

Genealogy Club

■Melinda Price



GOT DNA THRU LINES?

The next Genealogy Club meeting will be on Monday, April 22 at 1 p.m. in the East Rec. The meeting will be in person and also by Zoom. Watch for emails giving directions on joining by Zoom.

George McKinney will revisit the ThruLines function at AncestryDNA. AncestryDNA's ThruLines tool shows descendants of an ancestor who have tested with AncestryDNA and share DNA with the tester. ThruLines groups your DNA matches under potential common ancestors. It's like a genealogical detective tool that connects the dots between you and your matches. Ancestry combines information from linked searchable family trees to suggest how you might be related to your DNA matches.

Ancestry's ThruLines continues to improve. There are also a variety of ways to expand your use of the tool. So, if you have done your DNA on Ancestry, or are thinking of doing your DNA, it's important to understand the richness of this tool.

The Oakmont Genealogy Club meets from 1–3 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except July and December) both via Zoom and live in the East Rec. There are no club dues, and anyone who is interested in their family history can join.

For information about genealogy research or club activities, please visit our website at: www.oakmontgenclub.org. Past programs are posted there as well as tips and internet links. Email us at: oakmontancestry@gmail.com if you have research questions or would like to receive our e-newsletter.

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Oakmont Singles Social Club



■ Bailey Penzotti

APRIL MIXER

CHARLES M. SCHULZ MUSEUM

WHEN: Friday, April 19, 6 p.m.

WHERE: East Rec. Center

Established in 2002, the mission of the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center is to preserve, display, and interpret the art of Mr. Schulz. A volunteer from the museum will make a presentation about the museum, their revolving exhibits, and all the activities that they offer for all ages.

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and your own beverage of choice. Please RSVP to proslyn49@aol.com by April 15.

MAY BON APPETIT (SINGLES ONLY)

WHEN: Thursday, May 5—meet at 5:15 p.m. to carpool from the Berger Center

RESTAURANT: Kin Winsor, 740 McClelland Dr, Windsor

Located on the town green in the heart of downtown Windsor, KIN features dishes prepared with the freshest ingredients focused on giving you the comforts of home with a modern twist.

Reservation is for 20 and you will be in a private dining room. Bring cash because the restaurant will divide the group into 4-5 people per check!

Reservation cutoff is May 1: RSVP to Simone Smith, ssmith8151@aol.com or (650) 966-1997.

SAVE THE DATE:

50TH ANNUAL BODEGA BAY FISHERMAN'S FESTIVAL SATURDAY, MAY 4, 10 AM-5 PM

Many activities to enjoy as seen on their website BBFISHFEST.ORG! Advance tickets a must and purchased online. Please RSVP Barb Powell at cpnpmom@gmail.com. This event may require lots of walking on uneven ground.

For Oakmont Singles Social Club membership information, contact President Deb Ponts at dponts707@gmail.com.



OSSC members enjoying St. Patrick's Day together. (Photo by Bailey Penzotti)

Lifelong Learning



■ Marlena Tremont



MAY MADNESS!

SANTA ROSA ADVANCED MARIMBA HONOR BAND

WHEN: Friday, May 3 at 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center, Theater Seating

TICKETS: Free show. Donations accepted. Light refreshments.

Not your typical school band! Giant instruments, earth shaking sounds, and virtuosic playing combine in a musical program that Santa Rosa elementary and middle school students just can't wait to share. These talented young musicians will offer a concert with a culturally diverse selection of tunes, from Zimbabwian to Mexican, from original songs written for kids in the US, to Irish music.

Irene Gilchriese, band leader, recently joined the Green Music Center Board of Advisors after partnering with the Center for the past 7 years. She currently teaches music and marimba at five Santa Rosa schools for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, including three Oakmont grandchildren. Learn more by visiting playmarimba.com.

In Guatemala, the word marimba means "the wood that sings." It is a type of xylophone with resonators underneath the different-sized wooden keys which are struck with mallets. While popular in folk music for centuries, it wasn't until the 1940s that marimbas regularly became part of classical orchestras. It is the national instrument of Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Mexico.



MORE JOY—WE ARE ONE

WHEN: Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

TICKETS: \$25, Theater seating

If you are a fan of folk, blues, or country, you're bound to bounce into spring with the return of More Joy, Oakmont's beloved hometown group. This delightful quartet kicks every concert into high gear with a hilarious sense of humor and infectious energy.

Join Iris Harrell, Ann Benson, Chris Finn and Deborah Knapp for another incredible performance!

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■Greg Fauss



APRIL UPDATE

Well, allergy season, for one thing. And maybe a bit of normalcy before life gets crazy in the Summer. For us that means we're back to our regular services.

If you're new to Oakmont, let me introduce us. We are a community church representing the Protestant Christian faith. We do not belong to any particular denomination although I, the pastor, am ordained and active in a denomination.

We attempt to be a faith family for people from all Christian denominations and backgrounds. So nobody gets everything they're looking for from their past, but hopefully you'll be enriched by the diversity of people from Baptist, independent Bible church, Catholic, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, Anglican, and many other backgrounds.

Because of our diversity we emphasize Christ's call to unity "majoring on the majors and minoring on the minors." We desire to have a loving, familial atmosphere that is welcoming to everyone and is centered around Scripture and community. To that end we celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month and a have a potluck on the fourth Sunday. Our services are streamed live on YouTube for those who cannot attend physically.

We are conscious that many of us travel often or are still members of prior congregations. We are happy whenever anyone can make it.

Our Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center at 7902 Oakmont Dr.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. our Bible Study is currently focused on the "End Times" and meets in the OVA Outer Office, Suite B.

Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. everyone is invited to watch the historical drama *The Chosen* movie series with us at the Oakmont Gardens.

For more information about us, our Saturday Morning Prayer meeting, and special events please visit our website at www.occantarosa.org, write us at occantarosa@gmail.com or call (707) 595-0166.



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■Mary Blake

NOTE: DAILY DRAW MOVES TO MORNINGS ON MAY 1

Starting then, show up at 9:15 a.m. to bowl at 9:30.

COMING TOURNAMENTS

- Thursday, April 18: Men's Pairs
- Thursday, May 2: Women's Pairs
- Thursday, May 9: After 5 BBQ
- Monday, May 27: Memorial Day

FIRST AFTER FIVE SOCIAL

Tuesday, May 14: Open Pairs

ST PATRICK'S DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Like all of Sonoma County, we've been looking forward to some dry weather and it was a relief to have clear skies for the St Patrick's Day Tournament. We had a good turnout with most of the bowlers sporting some form of Kelly green. With the sun shining, so much green made me smile.



St Patrick's Day Tournament bowlers.

Michelle M coordinated food and a few people surprised her with extra, so the table was full, including a platter of corned beef on rye. Steve P was out sick, and Gerry M worked with Pam to oversee the game.

I wandered from rink to rink and witnessed some spectacular bowling. The winning teams were: First place—Denise (skip), Marilyn and Janet; second place—Irene (skip), James and Wilma; third place—Bob D (skip), Kevin and Bruce; fourth place—Gerry (skip), John and Pam.

APRIL FOOLS' DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The turnout was smaller for our second tournament of the year. The winning teams were: first place—Steve P, Bruce and Marilyn G; second place—Topher, Jim G, and Gerry.

Of course, Steve and Pam couldn't let this be an ordinary game. Positions shifted every 4 ends, so every bowler played every position, even some of our very newest bowlers had the joy of being skip.



April Fool's Day winning team.

Find photos from our tournaments on our website. Email: oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com. Website: www.oakmontlawnbowling.com.

Performing Arts Workshop



■Sherri Hoefling

Oakmont Does Have Talent!

The monthly Open Mic at East Rec. is going strong. We had 63 audience members and 10 acts for the March Open Mic. There were some new faces and several repeat performers. I'm so glad people are coming back! Please join us May 1 for the next Open Mic.

Please join us at 6 p.m. each first Wednesday in upper East Rec. All residents are encouraged to come "show your stuff." There will probably be a lot of musicians but we hope the many talents of Oakmont will shine. Comedians, Poets, storytellers, jugglers...? Sign up at the door starting at 5:45 p.m., first

performer about 6:15. Slots will be 2 songs or 6 minutes. Sound system will be provided but if you need guitar amps, music stands, special stool, chair without arms, etc., please bring it.

Remember, you do not need to perform to attend. Every performance needs an audience!

- WHO:** You and your friends
- WHAT:** First Wednesday Open Mic
- WHERE:** Upper East Rec.
- WHEN:** First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., next one is May 1
- MORE INFO:** Sherri Hoefling, (707) 236-5500 or Jim Munger, (707) 775-8943

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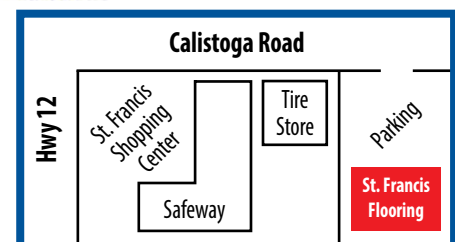
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Oakmont Squares



■Barbara Wooley

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES!

Several of the new club members joined the Oakmont Squares with little to no experience, while others are 20+ year veterans looking to brush up their skills. Over four months, graduates were taught the 50 calls that make up the Mainstream level of Square Dancing. The graduation ceremony included members of the fall and winter classes.



Left to Right: Steve Pimental, Deb Scharping, Anna Friesen, Del Friesen, Margi Nielsen, Tom Shudic, Kathy Camp, Doug Smith and Tony D'Agosta. (Photo by Barbara Wooley)

New classes begin periodically and will be announced in the future. If you would like to join a new class or have questions, please reach out to Jenny (see below).

Experienced dancers who may be thinking about joining the group or dropping in from time to time are welcome to come dance at Mainstream Level. No partner is necessary since it is customary to switch partners often to get more dancers on the floor.

The Oakmont Squares meet Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the East Rec. Center. Donation is \$8 per person/night or \$25 for the month. Come dance in a square and make a circle of friends. For information call Jenny at (707) 367-2102.

Men's Bible Study

■Lou Lacson

SPRING FEVER

Spring is upon us once again. According to some article I read once, "Is spring fever a revival from a long winter that puts us in the mood for love or is there biological basis of psychological renewal and physical energy?" We'll leave the thought for everyone to ponder.

Meanwhile, spiritual revival or renewal is always at hand at the Men's Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Bridge Mentors-Mentees

■Neill Ray

FREE DUPLICATE BRIDGE LESSONS

I am a Bronze Life Master and provide free duplicate bridge lessons for beginner to intermediate bridge players every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the CAC. No partner is needed. Come meet new friends and future bridge partners. Students who RSVP (Neill.Ray@Bridge2Day.com) receive lesson handouts.

Future topics include: April 24—Constructive Raises, May 2—Inverted Minors, May 9—Gerber and Minorwood, May 16—Meckwell, May 23—Weak-2 Preempts, May 30—Lebensohl,



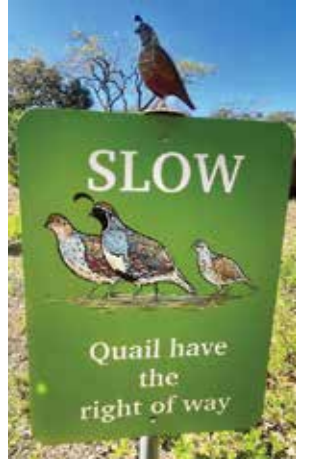
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Oakmont Birders

■Carolyn Greene

RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR QUAIL?

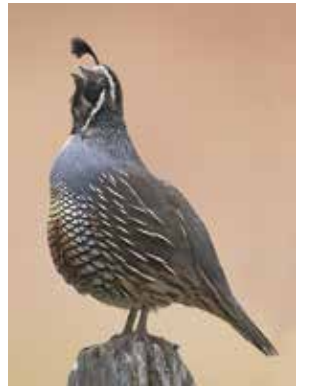
Cute signs around Oakmont proclaim that quail have the right-of way. Besides being our state bird, the California Quail has a special place in the hearts of Oakmonters. Hearing the characteristic "Chi-CA-go" call of male "sentries," watching a flock of quail devouring backyard seeds, and seeing fluffball nestlings scurry into the bushes have delighted us for decades.



Right-of-Way.
(Photo by Carolyn Greene)

The California Quail is a midsize gallinaceous bird, related to chickens, turkeys, and pheasants. Quail are easily recognized by their plump shape and striking feather pattern. Males have a prominent "topknot" head ornament made of six overlapping black feathers; females' topknot is much smaller.

Quail are highly social, mostly ground-dwelling, nonmigratory birds who travel in gregarious flocks (except during nesting season), feeding on seeds, flowers, and insects. Nests are minimal—just a scrape on the ground, usually in a dense thicket of shrubs. Females lay up to 15 eggs in late spring and sometimes produce more than one brood per season. Nestlings are precocious, running and foraging for food within hours of hatching.



A quail sentry calling.
(Photo by Tom Grey)

In the 10 years I have lived here, I've noticed a definite reduction of quail in my west Oakmont neighborhood. More than those right-of-way signs, a sustainable quail population in Oakmont requires what all animals—including humans—need: food, water, and shelter for avoiding predators and a secure place to raise young. Quail experience a high natural mortality rate, which we can help offset by providing suitable habitat with sufficient dense plant cover, food, and water, by keeping pet cats indoors, and by avoiding trimming shrubs and trees during nesting season, March-August.

Save the date: the next Oakmont Birding Buddies bird walk will be Friday, May 3, 8-10 a.m., at Spring Lake. All levels of experience welcome! Call/text Carolyn Greene at (805) 443-7289 for details.



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■Valerie Hulsey

CLASSES ON MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS

Mornings are getting warmer and the pool is usually toasty warm for our terrific Water Aerobics class. Mary teaches Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. There is laughter and fun in the pool, sometimes in the Hot Tub, not to mention this is great way to exercise with no strain on your body.

Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) is not sponsoring these classes so there is an \$8 drop-in fee for all classes. Hope to see you there.

CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

Julie's water exercise class continues at the West Recreation Center pool every Friday at 10:10 a.m. Come ready for a fun, musical, aquatic experience! All levels are welcome, \$8 drop-in fee.

Keep Active Yoga

■John Ferreira

Yoga is exercise, and exercise becomes yoga when it becomes difficult. We practice on Sunday and Mondays at the West Rec. at 3 p.m. There is no class on April 15. Our class is one hour, doing 26 postures and 2 breathing exercises using the Bikram method, adjusting for flexibility. We do not follow the normal aging process of "losing 10 percent of your muscle mass every decade after age 40. Ditto bone mass." (*Younger Next Year*) "Everybody can do yoga." (*Revolution Yoga*)

We share at class what has worked for us, helping others and ourselves bring home a short series of stretches/postures for the days not taking class. Physical Therapy is for injuries/pain. My experience from a shoulder injury was yoga after physical therapy. Yoga is "no pain, no pain." (*Tony Being Yoga*)

The class begins with a breathing exercise and the first posture starts by bringing your arms over your head. Easier said than done. The fore mentioned shoulder injury prevents me from doing that as the posture dialogue states. I hold my arms up until it's difficult and bring them down slowly without collapsing. I'm doing yoga by finding a way to lift my arms without pain, but holding them up a little longer than wanted, then bringing them down before I'm overwhelmed—finding balance between the mind and body.

That's the first 5 minutes, come and find out what's next.

There are no dues. The only expense is personal accessories. Bring your yoga mat.

For more information call me at (650) 766-0497.

Meditation

■Joanne Davey

MEDITATING TOGETHER

"Meditation is the discovery that the point of life is always arrived at in the immediate moment."—Alan Watts

We invite you to join one or both of our weekly drop-in meditation sessions which have been taking place for many years. Beginning and experienced meditators are welcome. We approach meditation as a non-denominational practice.

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. in the CAC Building, Room B. This is a 35-min. meditation. This session frequently begins with a short 15-20-minute talk about various aspects of meditation.

Tuesdays: 4 p.m. in the CAC Building, Art Room. A 30-min. meditation.

If you have questions, please contact: Trisha Mitchell, (650) 255-4026, or Liz Buckley, (707) 538-3235.



■Charlene Bunas

CATHERINE JONES DISCOVERS OHI

Though Catherine Jones had lived internationally for several years, and domestically in Santa Fe, New Mexico and Twain Harte, California, it was Oakmont that called her back to Sonoma County. "We moved directly to Oakmont in July, 2021; Sonoma County had been home from 1972-1994."



Catherine Jones works out! (Photo by Charlene Bunas)

In Oakmont she's discovered "fabulous musical performances, clubs (Great Decisions and Oakmont Progressives) and the volunteer resource committee." She also gives a shout out for all the exercise offerings: square dancing, water aerobics, and, most importantly, OHI!

Yet, it took over two years before she began OHI classes. "I love to hike the wonderful trails available in this area, but I can't motivate myself to do other exercise unless I join a class, and OHI is only 5 minutes away!"

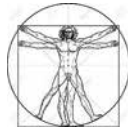
She calls the instructors "wonderful." She "expected floor routines but was delightfully surprised to see the use of a variety of equipment such as balls, weights and what I lovingly call 'the nasty bands!'"

"I am grateful that my body still allows me to exercise, although I am no longer a runner or a tennis player. That's fine. It's good to slow down a bit, notice things more. Catherine has spent the last 10 years practicing Zen with the Pacific Zen Institute. "I genuinely enjoy playfulness and laughter."

She gets both play and laughs, along with a healthy dose of physical fitness and benefits of social contact in OHI classes. "These classes give me a great start to the day."

Meeting ID: 832 5893 6515. Passcode: 053432.

Fitness Club



■Janice Weekes

FINDING SPACE FOR ALL OUR NEEDS

As the Oakmont Village Community continues to discuss the facility space needs of its citizens, we on the Fitness Club Board wanted to share our thoughts about the Fitness Center.

There's history in the current Fitness Center. When the CAC was being renovated, the Fitness Center was to be larger than its current size. As with many renovations, the costs began to exceed the budget and reductions were made. One reduction was to reduce the size of the Fitness Center by 500 square feet. As a result, we've been living with a much smaller facility than required.

We've made do by packing as much equipment into the space as possible. However, we struggle to accommodate newer forms of exercise like yoga, Pilates and individual stretching.

We must acknowledge that prospective home buyers are expecting a more state-of-the-art facility. As Oakmont continues to grow to accommodate new residents, our Fitness Center must grow to accommodate them and their preferences in working out and staying fit.

The Fitness Club Board is working with the other User Groups to make our concerns known. If you are interested in sharing your concerns, we encourage you to connect with us at OakmontFitnessClub@gmail.com. And to our faithful Fitness Club members, we say "Thank you" for continuing to support the Fitness Center.

InvestOAK



■Joe Pundyk

ELECTRICAL VEHICLES AND USE OF SOLAR ENERGY TO CHARGE THEM

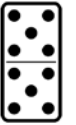
Due to the impending threat of Global Warming ("G.W.") almost all the world's car manufacturers are offering Electric Vehicles ("EV"), which produce no harmful gases during their operation. Almost 30% of the radiant gases in our atmosphere that create G.W. emanate from vehicle transportation.

Additionally, the "oil and gas pollution chain" has harmed the environment in a myriad of incidents here and abroad. News of oil spills from wells, ship leaks, train derailments, fuel truck explosions and pipelines bursting spilling dangerous gases and liquids contaminating our world are barely news worthy.

There are things that can be done to control to combat pollution that harm our society. Our speaker Jose Marcus has ideas that may seem startling and might prove to be good future investments.

These topics will be subject of the next InvestOAK meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 19, at the CRC, Room B.

Domino Club



■Brian Huckins

MIX THOSE DOMINOES

The Oakmont Domino Club meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Central Activity Center Card Room.

We play the Popular Five-up Game (more commonly referred to as the San Francisco Five-up Game). Two, three or four can play. The four-handed or partners



game is our preferred format. A slight wager has been known to add to the interest.

It is easy to learn and anyone who can add, subtract and divide can play the game. The fundamentals are simple and can be learned quickly. The finer points can be managed with a little study and practice.

Looking for players of all abilities to join. Please contact me at (415) 602-9083 or bvhuckins@gmail.com.

Oakmont Craft Guild

■Carolita Carr

SPRING/SUMMER ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIRE CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE

Registration is now open for the Spring/Summer Oakmont Arts and Crafts Faire which will be held on May 18. Paper applications are available in the Craft Guild file in the OVA office, or you can request one via email.

We will be under the solar panels in the Central Activities Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are an artist or a craftsperson, we want to see your work. Plan now to participate.

If you have questions regarding this show, or want an application, please contact me at jbcarr35@gmail.com.



Star of the Valley Women's Circle

■Barbara Gasparini



VALLEY OF THE MOON CHILDREN'S CENTER



Are you aware of the changes and challenges facing one of our neighbors? That neighbor is the Valley of the Moon Children's

Center, the county's only emergency shelter for children removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

Come to the Star of the Valley Women's Circle presentation featuring Meg Easter-Dawson, Program Development Manager of Valley of the Moon Children's Center, and Katie Condie, Executive Director of Programs for Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation, on Tuesday, April 16 from 2-4 p.m. and find out what challenges and changes our neighbor is facing.

Since 2017, the Valley of the Moon Children's Center has been evolving to respond to the State of California's overhaul of the Foster Care System, known as the Continuum of Care Reform, or CCR. Instead of holding children for up to 30 days, all group homes must place endangered children in foster home within 10 days. The approach acknowledges a child's traumatic experiences, basically changing the way you look at a youth. "It's not what's wrong with you, it's what's happened to you. We're building a relationship quickly in a different way," according to Nick Honey, Retired Director of the County's Family, Youth and Children's Services.

Learn about the vital role the Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation plays in supporting the work of the Valley of the Moon Children's Center by awarding \$150,000 in scholarships to 42 foster youth, serving 104 foster youth through the Valley of the Moon Children's Center Dental Program and providing \$41,476 to 40 scholars facing challenging situations that threatened to end their schooling.

Please invite your family and friends to this informative presentation on Tuesday, April 16 in our Parish Center from 2-4 p.m. All are invited free of charge. Refreshments will be provided. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Strength and Balance Class

■Valerie Hulsey

MARY'S FITNESS CLASS

Mary teaches the Strength and Balance class every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec Center. The classes are not sponsored by the Santa Rosa Jr. College (SRJC) so there is a \$5 drop-in fee for each class.

Classes are limited to 72 people so come early to ensure you get a chair. Bring your Theraband for strengthening, if you do not have one you can purchase one for \$5 when you arrive.

Bring water and come and have some fun and improve your balance at the same time.



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

■Anne Marie Siu Yuan

DATE: Saturday, May 11

TIME: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. (coffee & muffins)

PLACE: East Rec. Center

COST: Free admission

May is officially designated as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. It is a period for recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

Come and experience some of the customs and traditions of the Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture. The event will feature workshops and demonstrations by local Sonoma County artists: Origami with Henry Kaku, Qi Gong with Sara Valerio from Turtle Moon Qigong, Henna Tattoos with Rupinder Kaur, and Chinese Paper Cutting with Hsiu-Chuan Armstrong from the Redwood Empire Chinese Association (RECA).

We will also feature three Oakmont artists sharing their love and passion for their arts with their Oakmont community. Cathy Chong will be doing a lecture and demonstration on Calligraphy. Garth Hokanson, Master Gardener, will be demonstrating the art of Bonsai. Gary Andersen will be sharing with us the art of Japanese Kamishibai Storytelling, as well as demonstrating his Japanese Influenced Woodworking.

There will be Chinese Dim Sum available for purchase. For entertainment during lunch, there will be Lion Dancers from RECA and Oakmonter Stephanie Brucker and fellow dancers from Hula Mai will be dancing and teaching the art of Hula.

Please note that there will be limited capacity for Paper Cutting, Origami and Henna tattoos, and advance sign-ups will be required—there are sign-up sheets in the club folder at the OVA office.

This event is funded by a grant from the Oakmont Community Foundation.

Just For Fun Games Club

■Phillip Herzog

ABOUT THE JUST FOR FUN GAMES CLUB

The Just for Fun Games Club is a great place to make friends and play all sorts of old and new games including board games, card games, tile games and dice games! We meet every Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Card and Game Room at the CAC. There are multiple games being played at the same time, so you will always be able to choose what game you want to play.

It's never too serious, because we play games Just for Fun! Sometimes we play online. To do so, we use Zoom for communication and the website Board Game Arena for the games. We send out a weekly email notice, so if we will be on zoom, we'll let you know.

The club has a large collection of games on hand and players often bring new and different games as well. We like to teach how to play the games too. Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time at the Just for Fun Games Club. For more information contact us at Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net or call me at (707) 843-3053.

HAND AND FOOT

We play Hand and Foot in person each week. Please come and join us. The more players, the better the experience! If you would like to learn to play Hand and Foot, send us an email so we can schedule lessons: Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net.

BOARD AND CARD GAMES

As stated above, we play lots of other games too, including board games, card games and tile games. What would you like to play? Learn how to play new games, or teach us how to play your game!

Some of our favorite games are: Wingspan, Catan, Ticket to Ride, Splendor, Cubirds, Rummykub, Saint Petersburg and Carcassonne. There are so many games out there.



Playreaders



■D. Hall

UPCOMING WORKSHOP FOR PLAYREADERS

On April 15, Playreaders will hold a workshop for members who want to polish their skills. On May 6 and 13, new plays will be presented.

Veteran member Marcel Coder staged two comedies and new members Lisa and Michael Erwin staged two romances as April offerings by Oakmont Playreaders. Gallows humor triumphed with AF Groff's *Not My Cup of Tea*, and Tim Kelly's *The Mouse and the Raven*. Coder's casts included Sandy White, Sarah Shankman, Ginny Smith, and Yvonne Horn. Also in April, the Erwins presented two romantic comedies: *Sure Thing* by David Ives, and *Almost, Maine* by John Cariani.

Join us the first two Mondays of every month at 2 p.m. in Room B of the Central Activities Center. Seating is limited.

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OAKMONT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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 OVA E-mail: askova@oakmontvillage.com
 Website: www.oakmontvillage.com
Book appointments with staff at: oakmontvillage.com/staff

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Hours: Daily 6 AM–10 PM
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 Maintenance Building (next to Central Auditorium)

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AVAILABLE IN OVA OFFICE

GASSHUT-OFF WRENCH.....\$12
 TENNIS COURT KEY.....\$2
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 REPLACEMENTS.....\$30 EA
 GUEST ACCESS CARD.....\$30 EA

BULLETIN BOARDS

There are three OVA bulletin boards, one at each recreation center, where OVA events can be posted. Please bring in notices to the Events Coordinator at the OVA Office. Size is limited to 8.5"x5.5". Items "For Sale", "For Rent" or "Want to Buy" can be put on a 3"x5" card and left at the OVA Office.

LOCKER RENTALS

Annual Locker Fee \$30 (January 1–December 31). If you wish to rent a locker, come to the OVA office and give us a check, your information and the number of the locker you want to rent. You provide the lock. We can prorate the annual fee. Daily use lockers are free. NOTICE: Weekly locker inspections are done by OVA Maintenance. Locks could be sawed off with no prior notice and locker contents removed on all unpaid lockers. Items will be held in OVA Maintenance office for 30 days. If you have any questions, please contact the OVA Office M-F 707-539-1611

GUEST PASSES

The following are OVA Guest Pass types and duration: 1) Guest from outside Sonoma County—up to 90 days; 2) House sitters—up to 90 days (OVA host must present written request to OVA Office for approval prior to visit); 3) Guests living in Sonoma County—2 days per card, and no more than 3 cards per month. Guest cards are available during regular hours in the OVA Office for a \$25 non-refundable fee. Guests accompanied by their Oakmont host are not required to have a Guest Pass.

STREET CLEANING

City streets in Oakmont are cleaned by the city early on the fourth Friday of each month. Residents who want their streets swept should avoid street parking overnight on those days.

NEED A RIDE? GIVE A RIDE! OAKMONT VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We provide the following services to Oakmont Residents:

- Transportation to medical/dental appointments, including pet appointments, in Santa Rosa only
- Meals on Wheels, 707-525-0383

COORDINATOR Rides to Medical Appointments

April 1–15
 Barbara Lowell 707-538-0333

April 16–30
 Ron Kaufman 707-541-6713

If you would like to be a volunteer, please call 707-539-8996. Donations to Oakmont Volunteer Helpers are appreciated and tax deductible. Mail your check payable to Oakmont Volunteer Helpers, 6637 Oakmont Dr., Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Thank you.

Mon.–Fri. medical rides before 9 AM or after 4 PM are subject to limited volunteer driver availability. No service on weekends or holidays. Please call at least three full working days prior to appointment.
We regret that we are unable to provide either wheelchair or emergency service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WRITER GUIDELINES

The *Oakmont News* welcomes letters of up to 250 words from residents to express opinion, criticism or praise. They must include the writer's name and Oakmont address, although the address won't be published. See details on how to send them at <https://oakmontvillage.com/submit>. While letters to the editor may be edited for length and spelling, they are not edited for accuracy. Opinions are that of the writer and not necessarily the Oakmont Village Association.

POOLS & JACUZZIS

Access to OVA pools is by magnetic card. Call OVA Office, 707-539-1611 if you need a permanent new member pool access card or to register for a temporary guest pool access card.
 WEST: 7 AM–9 PM
 (Closes 7 PM Wednesdays for cleaning)
 EAST: 6:30 AM–9 PM
 (Closes 7 PM Mondays for cleaning)
 CENTRAL: 5:45 AM–9 PM
 (Closes 7 PM Tuesdays for cleaning)
 JACUZZI HOURS: Same as facility. No one under 18 years in West and East pools and Jacuzzis.
 CENTRAL POOL HOURS FOR PEOPLE UNDER 18:
 Labor Day–Memorial Day: 11 AM–2 PM daily
 Memorial Day–Labor Day: 12–4 PM daily
 Children must be accompanied by an OVA member/resident or adult with a valid guest pool access card.
 NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY AT ANY OVA POOL.
 ALL FACILITIES CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY.

STORAGE UNITS AND PARKING

Oak Creek RV & Self Storage
 SP176, www.storagepro.com
 707-913-7326

LIBRARY

Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Dr.
 Hours: Daily 6 AM–9 PM. Closed Christmas Day. It is run by volunteers. All donations are gladly accepted. Materials we cannot use will be passed on to others.

OAKMONT COMMUNITY GARDEN ON STONEBRIDGE

For more info on signing up, email Oakmontcommunitygarden@gmail.com. Contact for current availability.

HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK

6302 Stone Bridge Rd
 Open to residents of Oakmont Village Association from sunrise to sunset. Small Dog Hours are from 3–4 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays.

FITNESS CENTER

Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Dr.
 Daily 5:45 AM–9 PM. Closed at 7 PM on Tues. for cleaning. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas day.

BE ON OVA E-MAIL LIST

Know what's going on in Oakmont. You'll receive the weekly "Inside Oakmont" newsletter, Board Meeting notices and agendas, special notices and meeting announcements. To join the OVA's e-mail list, visit oakmontvillage.com/inside and enter your information to subscribe.

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OVA BOARD MEETINGS

Townhalls 1st Tuesdays of the month and board meetings 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 1 PM

Always online via Zoom and in-person when possible. All residents are welcome. Information to join online is e-blasted out to the community for every meeting along with the in-person location when applicable. Sign up for e-blasts from OVA at oakmontvillage.com/inside.

The Board of Directors of Oakmont Village Association reserves the right to select those articles submitted for publication that seem appropriate to the purpose of this association.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICIALS

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE IN OAKMONT

- CityBus #16 bus takes residents to 5 different shopping centers weekday mornings and around Oakmont afternoons.
- Sonoma County Transit #30 bus goes to Memorial and Kaiser Hospitals and downtown Santa Rosa. Returns via Oakmont to Sonoma.
- Schedules available at OVA office.

Hikers



■Scott Finn

We welcome you to join us on a hike whether you are a member yet or not and the annual membership is only \$15. Go to our website at www.oakmonthikingclub.org to join the club, get more hike details, club information, photos and more. For a complete description of each hike and to register, please keep checking our website for updates.

INTERMEDIATE HIKE: APRIL 25 TENNESSEE VALLEY

This 6-mile hike with 1,000' elevation gain is somewhat steep in places. We'll climb the Miwok Trail out of Tennessee Valley (in Mill Valley) to the Coyote Ridge Trail, which (if we're not fogged in) provides stunning 360-degree views of the ocean, bay, valleys, and Mount Tam.

Descending on the Coastal Trail fire road to Tennessee



Views along the Miwok Trail.

Valley, we'll walk to the beach for lunch. From the beach it's an easy 2-mile walk back to our cars on mostly flat trails through beautiful Tennessee Valley. Bring lunch, water, hiking poles. Heavy rain cancels.

Hike leader is Linne McAleer, (415) 847-4420. Leave

Berger at 8:30 a.m.

LONG HIKE: APRIL 25 TOMALES POINT

The Tomales Point Trails offers spectacular views of Tomales Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Starting at Pierce Ranch and traveling to the end of the Point Reyes Peninsula, this hike is out-and-back with an elevation gain of 1000 feet and a total distance of 9 miles. We will likely see Tule Elk and may even see frolicking whales.



Tule Elk in the wild.

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Soroptimist International Oakmont Wine Country



■Cynthia Goodwin, Chair

THIRD ANNUAL AUTHORS BOOK FAIRE CALLING ALL AUTHORS!

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9 at the Berger Center located at 6633 Oakmont Dr. Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Authors, who have published works to sign and sell to the public, are invited to participate in this special event which is free to the public, and has been very well received over the years with 20 authors participating each year.

Our authors include first-time writers, one whose collaborations have resulted in over 200 publications with colleagues around the world, one being picked up by Netflix, and one who won the London Book Festival 2023 for Best Bio/Memoir. The genres are diverse. In the past two years, hundreds of people attended and purchased books through this fun and



At the book faire last year. (Photo by Christina Chapman)

lively event.

This opportunity is extended to writers/ authors/ poets, to reserve a table at this year's event. Due to high demand and a limited number of tables, the deadline for application and payment is May 13, or until all tables are reserved. The faire hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee for an eight-foot table at the faire is an affordable \$30. Don't miss out on the opportunity to sell/market books and do great work in the community!

Interested? Please contact me at authorsbookfaire@gmail.com or (209) 634-6294.

Oakmont Cat Care Coop

■Mary Ellen King

NEED CARE FOR KITTY WHILE YOU ARE AWAY?



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For information and to get on the list contact me at (707) 849-1581.



■Carolita Carr



CHOPPIN' BROCCOLI BRINGS BACK THE '80S

WHERE: Berger Center **WHEN:** April 20
TIME: Doors open at 5:30, music begins at 6:30 p.m.
COST: \$20 pp. Each member may bring one non-member guest.

Bring snacks for your table and BYOB. Ah, the '80s! Compact discs and MTV made their debut. The internet opened; the Berlin Wall fell. Live Aid and Thriller were terms we learned. We had big hair, side ponytails and mullets; we wore Spandex, leg warmers, neon colors, lacy shirts and cut off sweatshirts. We listened to Whitney Houston, Madonna, George Michael and The Police.

Now Boomers is taking you back to that era with Choppin' Broccoli, a band that plays the best dance hits from the 1980s—Michael Jackson, Bon Jovi, Journey, Prince, Duran Duran, and much, much more. The evening will include professional sound production, lighting, costume changes, and great performances of fun '80s music.

Dress for the era if you feel like it. If not, that's ok, too. But get your reservations in now. Go to the website oakmontboomers.org to register.

MEMBERSHIP

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